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## HQ Brings a “New Attitude” To Safety Awareness

NASA Headquarters rolled out its new, comprehensive safety program, “A New Attitude for Safety Awareness,” on June 20, with an event for employees and management in the auditorium. According to NASA HQ Safety Officer, Cheryl Humbolt, the campaign is designed to create a total safety culture at Headquarters. It will emphasize management commitment and employee involvement, accountability for the safety of self and others, and safety as a value.

Chris Christensen, Associate Administrator for Headquarters Operations, opened the event, which featured a keynote address by the Administrator, the signing of a safety proclamation by NASA’s Associate Administrators, a new NASA HQ summer safety video narrated by Christensen, and safety awards for HQ employees.

In his address, Administrator Daniel Goldin, a longtime advocate of safety at NASA, reminded employees of NASA’s commitment to safety. He said, “I want NASA to be the Nation’s leader in safety. I, as each of you, am responsible and accountable for safety—I take responsibility for the safety of all NASA employees as well as for myself. And when each of you takes responsibility for the safety of your coworkers and yourself, you become more committed to achieving a total safety culture.”



NASA’s Associate Administrators sign the joint safety proclamation during the “New Attitude for Safety Awareness” kick off on June 20.



Chris Christensen and NASA HQ Safety Officer Cheryl Humbolt with safety award recipients: (l to r): Coley O’Brien; Christensen; Elizabeth Craig; Margaret Pavlik; Humbolt; back: Lovella Penny; Cheryl Hill; and Amanda Rockwell.

He then cited Dr. E. Scott Geller, a renowned behavior-based safety expert, who has identified the following four characteristics of a total safety culture. First, safety is held as a value by all employees. Second, individuals feel a sense of responsibility for the safety of their coworkers as well as for themselves. Third, each individual is willing and able to “go beyond the call of duty” on behalf of the safety of others. And finally, each individual routinely performs actively caring and/or safety behaviors for the benefit of others.

According to Geller, “Overall, a total safety culture puts you in control of safety to keep yourself, your friends, and coworkers safe; it increases personal responsibility; it builds positive attitudes; it increases involvement and creativity; it facilitates interpersonal teamwork; and it helps shift safety from being a priority to a value.”

During the program, the Administrator and the Associate Administrators signed a joint proclamation pledging their personal time and efforts to increase safety consciousness, make safety awareness an integral part of plans and culture, and to support the Agency’s Safety Initiative. Employees were encouraged to do their part by signing the joint employee proclamation which will be displayed in the west lobby periodically throughout the year.

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### NASA Team Wins White House Closing the Circle Award

The NASA Environmental Management System (EMS) Development Team's work in "Creating an Agencywide Environmental Management System" won the 2001 White House Closing the Circle Award. The award administered by the White House Task Force on Greening the Government Through Waste Prevention and Recycling was presented to NASA at a ceremony in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on June 12. This year, 148 highly competitive nominations in nine categories were submitted from 15 Federal agencies. Only 39 projects were selected for awards.

An EMS incorporates people, procedures, and work practices in a formal structure to ensure both adverse and beneficial environmental impacts of the organization are identified and managed. An EMS involves the whole organization from shop worker to senior manager in support of the environmental program. The NASA EMS is based on benchmarked industry processes and the international ISO 14001 standard for environmental management systems. When fully

implemented, the NASA EMS will provide an overarching Agency approach to management of environmental activities that will increase Agency and Center efficiencies and make the most effective use of NASA's limited resources.

Executive Order 13148, *Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management*, requires an EMS at all Federal facilities by December 31, 2005. The NASA Environmental Management Board established the NASA EMS Development Team to develop and test implementation of an EMS that satisfied Executive Order 13148 and the ISO 14001 standard. Glenn Research Center, Johnson Space Center, and Stennis Space Center volunteered to be

test sites. Glenn Research Center and Stennis Space Center completed implementation and recently obtained Registration to the ISO 14001 standard. Johnson Space Center expects to complete implementation in September 2001.

The EMS Development team consists of NASA employees from NASA Headquarters, Ames Research Center, Glenn Research Center, Goddard Space Flight Center, Johnson



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Customer Service in P&D



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